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EPA Region 6 - TEXAS EJ COMMUNITY TRAINING WORKSHOP 2014

Keynotes	Opening, Thursday & Friday Morning Lunch	All Keynotes and Panels will Meet in the Corpus Christi / Padre Island Room
Panels	Range of EJ and Social Equity Presenters	
Breakouts	Deeper conversations based on panel sessions	All Breakout sessions locations shown on agenda
Student Perspectives		

Day 1 Wednesday, August 06, 2014

10:30 AM - 7:00 PM	Registration			
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Houston Galveston Fence Line Communities Tour Bus picks up registrants at Marriot at 1:00 pm and departs by 1:15 pm Casual Walking Shoes Recommended			
4:30pm - 5:00 pm	Bus Returns to Marriot - Break Until evening Session			
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Opening Sessions - <u>Corpus Christi Room</u>			
	6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	<u>WELCOME</u> Bryan Parras (TEJAS) Stephen Gilrein, Director OEJTA (EPA) Agenda Over View - Juan Parras (TEJAS)	<u>CHAT</u> Derrick Evans - Turkey Creek Community - Gulfport Mississippi	<u>MOVIE</u> "Come Hell and High Water"	<u>RECEPTION</u> Slide Show-an overview of the day activities.

Embracing Environmental Justice: Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of E.O. 12898

Day 2 Thursday, August 07, 2014

8:00 am -4:00 pm	Registration		
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast		
8:30 am - 9:05 am	<p>Welcome Ron Curry, EPA Regional Administrator and Matthew Tejada, Director Office of Environmental Justice</p>		
9:05 am - 9:55 am	<p><u>GOALS & OBJECTIVES</u></p> <p>Agatha Benjamin P.E. EPA Israel Anderson EPA</p>	<p><u>RECAP NEW MEXICO WORKSHOP</u></p> <p>Richard Moore, Program Director Los Jardins Institute</p>	<p><u>RECAP NEW ORLEANS WORKSHOP</u></p> <p>Dr. Beverly Wright Founder and Executive Director, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice</p>
9:55 am - 10:05 am	<u>BREAK</u>		
10:05 am - 10:45 am	<p>Vernice Miller - Travis, Skeo Solutions From Passion to Action: Influencing policy, Effective and Strategic Communication</p>		
10:45 am - 12:05 pm	<p>Juanita Lopez, Assistant Administrator , South Texas Colonias Initiative (Facilitator) Community Presentations (Introductions, short talks, videos, slides, monographs)</p>		
12:15pm - 1:15 pm	<p>Keynote Lunch Speaker - Jacqui Patterson - Director, Environmental and Climate Justice NAACP ‘Climate Change: How the Drivers, Effects, and False Solutions of Climate Change Disproportionately Impact Communities of Color and Low Income Communities’</p>		

1:30 pm - 2:50 pm	Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions Panel Discussions Facilitator				
	<u>PUBLIC/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</u> Living near Toxins and Hazardous Substances, Improving infrastructure and access to clean water in Urban, Rural, and Colonias Communities David Lopez - CEO, Harris County Hospital District	<u>CHEMICAL SECURITY AND TSCA</u> Improving Chemical Security, Chemical Safety and protecting near-by communities Richard Moore, National Co-Coordinator EJ Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform	<u>LAND USE PLANNING -</u> (Reducing environmental burdens and increasing environmental benefits) Influencing local land-use, zoning and facility siting (school, solid waste and facility siting, storm water and flood mitigation, Green Space) Don Carroll, DC Planning Pat Walsh, Director of Planning, City of Houston	<u>TITLE VI</u> Improving Civil Rights enforcement by environmental agencies (EPA, TCEQ, Tribes) Procedural and Analytic Approaches, Reducing complaint backlog, timely investigations Helena-Wooden Aguilar Office of Civil Rights HQs US EPA Washington D.C.	
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	PANEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - IN DEPTH CONVERSATIONS				
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm	<u>Clearlake Room</u> Latrice Babin, Toxicologist/ Special Projects Manager (Presenter) Juanita Lopez (Facilitator) Camille Hueni (Facilitator)	<u>Friendswood Room</u> Richard Moore/Michelle Roberts Hilton Kelley, CIDA Adrian Shelley (Facilitator)	<u>Pearland Room</u> Don Carroll Martina Cartwright- (Facilitator)	<u>Deerpark Room</u> Helena-Wooden Aguilar Susannah Almanza (PODER) Leslie Fields- (Facilitators)	
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Evening Wrap up Slide show-Reception				

Day 3 Friday, August 08, 2014

8:00 am - 11:00 am	Registration				
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast				
9:00 am - 9:20 am 9:20 am - 9:40 am 9:40 am - 10:00 am	Morning Keynote Address EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy - TBC Congress Woman Shelia Jackson Lee - TBC Hilton Kelley, CIDA, Port Arthur, TX				
	Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions Panel Discussions Facilitator				
10:00 am - 11:00 am	<u>SUPERFUND</u> Status of Superfund Clean-ups in EJ communities and ensuring that equal protection is occurring. (protective clean-up remedies, involvement in remedy selection, increasing public involvement in decision-making) Carl Edlund, Director of Superfund- EPA Region 6	<u>CORP OF ENGINEERS, PORTS and PORT EXPANSION</u> How to reduce the negative impacts of Ports in EJ communities. (Roles and Responsibilities, Port Expansion and Dredging Living in Communities burdened by pollution from Port operations) Azibuike Akaba, Policy Analyst-RAMP Corps of Engineers, TBD HPA -TBD	<u>EPA & TCEQ</u> Expanding public participation and Public Right to Know in Clean Air Act/Refinery Rule and RCRA/Landfill Permitting processes and decision-making Earl Lott, TCEQ Waste Division Aaron Salvera, TCEQ Air Permitting	<u>COAST GUARD, TXDOT& Texas Railroad Commission</u> Goods Movement, Hazardous Material Traffic and Transport thru Communities, Pipeline Safety/Gas Lines, etc. Christopher Amy, TXDOT - TBC MST3 Jacob A. Burroughs, Coast Guard TRC - TBC	<u>AIR ALLIANCE HOUSTON</u> Air Alliance Houston “How to Affect Change” Adrian Shelley, Executive Director Brian Butler, Community Outreach Coordinator (Member, Port of Houston Authority Chairman’s Citizens Advisory Council)
11:10 am - 12:00 pm	PANEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - IN DEPTH CONVERSATIONS				

	<u>Clearlake Room</u> Jacquelyn Young, Director for San Jacinto River Coalition (Presenter) Carl Edlund (Presenter) Raji Josiam- (Facilitator) Ramonia Dirden (Facilitator)	<u>Friendswood Room</u> Azibuike Akaba, Policy Analyst-RAMP (Presenter) Ethan Nuss (Facilitator)	<u>Pearland Room</u> Earl Lott, TCEQ (Presenter) Aaron Salvera, TCEQ (Presenter) Leslie Fields- Facilitator	<u>Deer Park Room</u> MST3 Jacob A. Burroughs, Coast Guard Christopher Amy - TXDOT - TBC Israel Anderson(Facilitator)	<u>Corpus Christi Room</u> Student Perspectives Bryan Parras (Facilitator) Michele Roberts
12:10 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch Keynote Address: Dr. Robert Bullard, Dean School of Public Affairs, Texas Southern University “Dismantling Systems That Create Vulnerability: Why We Need ‘Targeted Initiatives’ to Build Healthy, Just, Sustainable and Resilient Communities Now.”				
	Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions Panel Discussions Facilitator				
1:35 pm - 2:15 pm	<u>USDA</u> Agricultural Communities - Living with hazards, toxins and pesticides; Rural Development in Colonias & Rural communities. (rural development, energy assistance, housing and flood mitigation, pesticide exposure, Buffer Zones and limiting runoff into water bodies) Deborah Wright Acting Assistant Area Director Angleton Area Office of Rural Development	<u>DOT/HUD</u> Who is responsible between federal and state agencies to work with EJ communities to implement Buy-outs and Relocation of Public & Private Homes. Dr. Alfred Henson - City of Houston Federal DOT	<u>EPA R6 OEJTA</u> R6 Vision for Embracing EJ 2014 forward Stephen Gilrein Director Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Affair-R6	<u>METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION</u> Region Planning Considerations to incorporate Environmental Justice & Low Income Community’s concerns in regional growth and development Jeff Taebel, Houston Galveston Area Council of Government, Planning Division Pat Walsh, Director of Planning, City of Houston	<u>GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION</u> RESTORE Act and the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Public Engagement and the RESTORE Act Ecosystem restoration in the Gulf of Mexico Region Bethany Carl Kraft Director, External Affairs
2:15 pm - 2:25 pm	BREAK				
	PANEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - IN DEPTH CONVERSATIONS				
2:25 pm - 3:15 pm	<u>Clearlake Room</u> Deborah Wright	<u>Friendswood Room</u>	<u>Pearland Room</u>	<u>Deerpark Room</u> MPO’s	<u>Corpus Christi Room</u> Bethany C. Kraft (Presenter)

	(Presenter) Lionel & Juanita Lopez (Facilitator)	Dr. Alfred Henson (Presenter) Juan Parras (Facilitator) Paula Flores(Facilitator)	Stephen Gilrein & Israel Anderson (Presenter) Jacqui Patterson (Facilitator)	Arturo Blanco Bureau Chief-Pollution Control & Prevention-HDHHS (Facilitator)	Dr. Eartha Nance, Associate Dean TSU School of public Affair (Facilitator)
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm 4:00 pm -4:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Report Out Where We go From here - Reflections - Wrap up</p>				
4:30 - 4:45pm	<p style="text-align: center;">CONFERENCE CLOSE</p>				

Map of Conference Center Location and Floor Plan

Main Room First Floor – Corpus Christi/South Padre
Breakouts Second Floor – Clear Lake, Friendswood,
Pearland & Deerpark

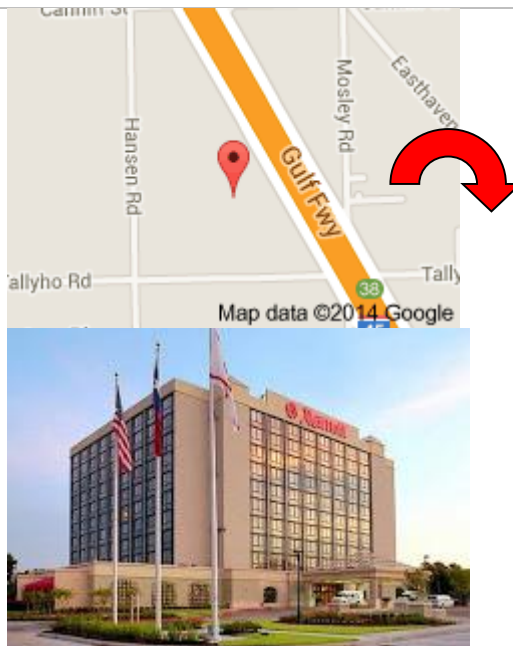


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